

Avian Abundance Estimation for Full Life-cycle Conservation Planning

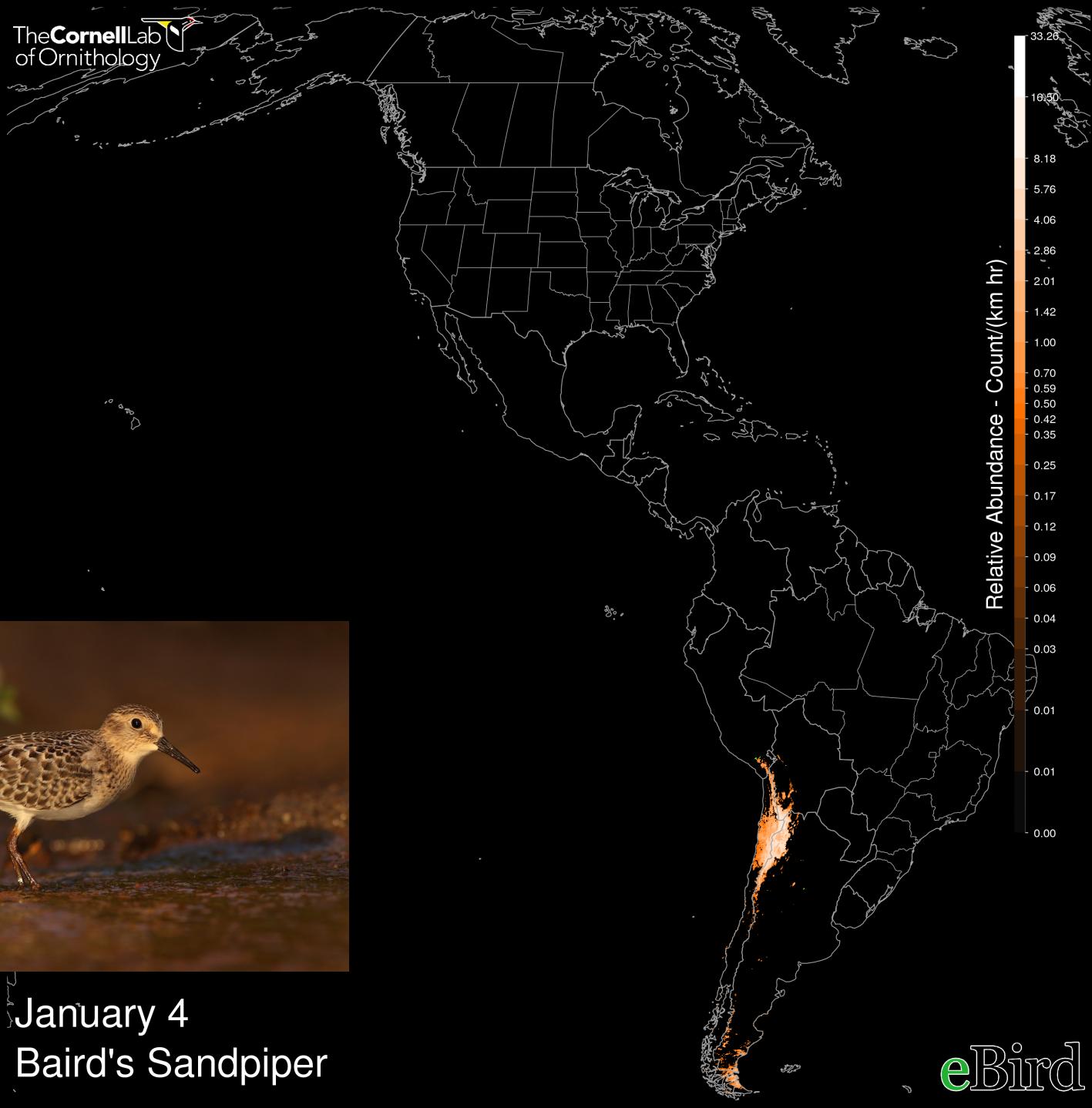
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January 4
Baird's Sandpiper



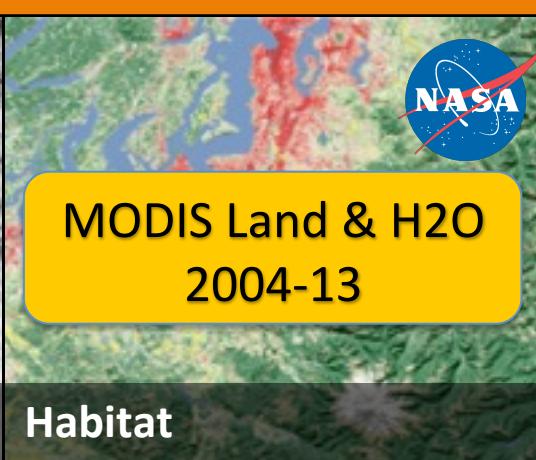
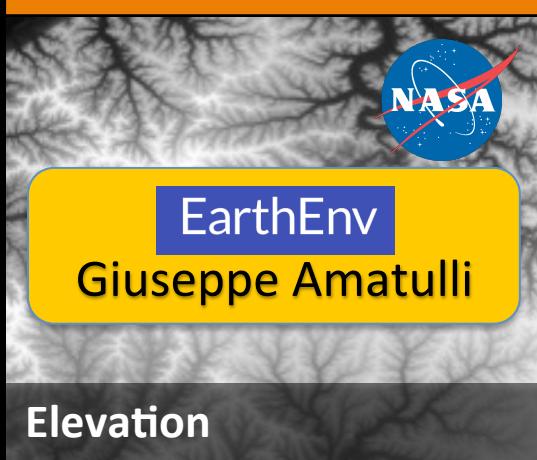
Abundance Estimation



12M Checklists
2004-16
Western
Hemisphere

Statistical Learning

Johnston et al. 2015
Fink et al. 2014

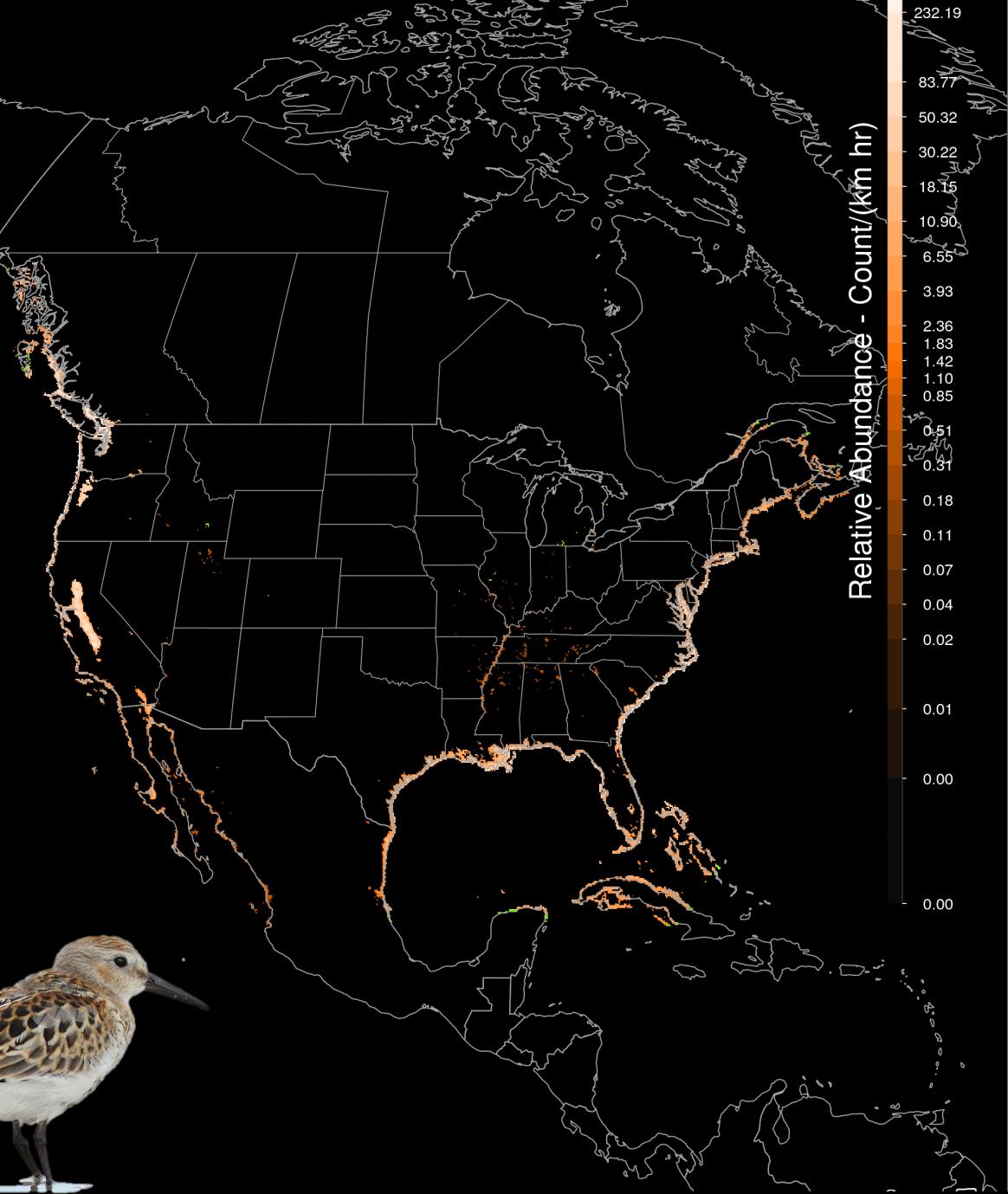


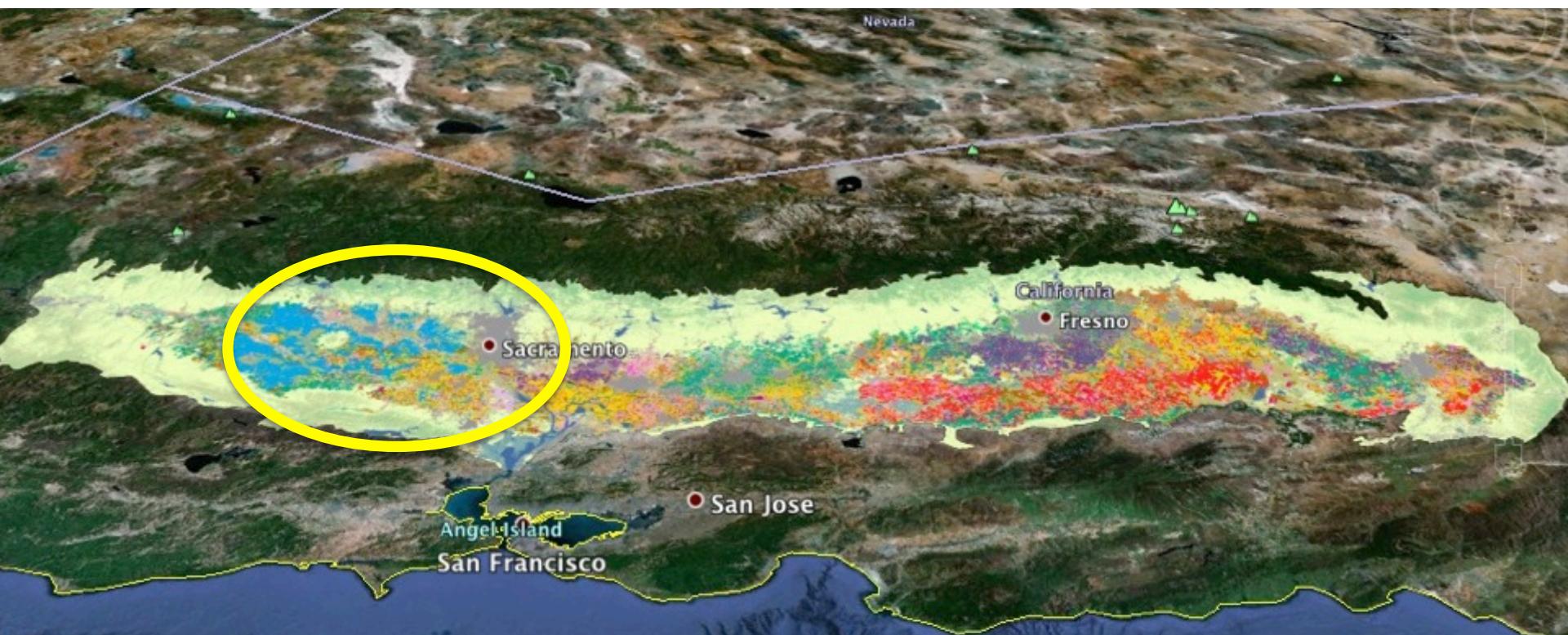
Data Products

- **200 Species**
- **Western Hemisphere**
- **8.4km x 8.4km x 1 wk**
- **Abundance & Occurrence**
- **Habitat Use**
- **Uncertainty & Quality**



Dunlin
January 4





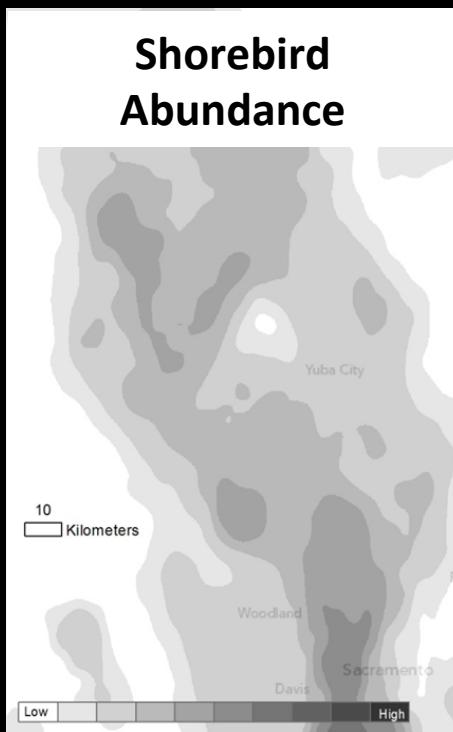
BirdReturns: Dynamic Land Conservation



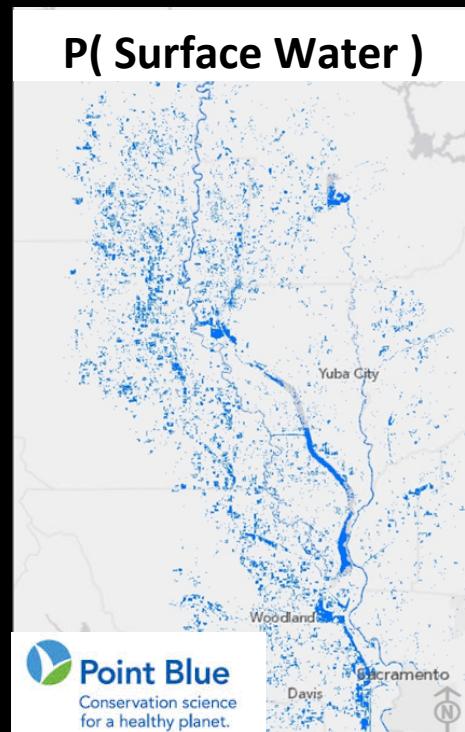
1. Program Design

- When to hold auctions? What species would benefit?
- Select species for shorebird abundance Index

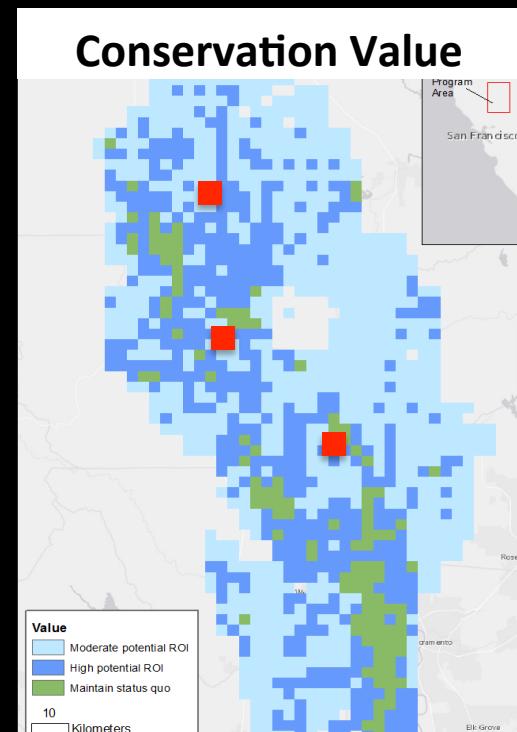
2. Determine conservation value



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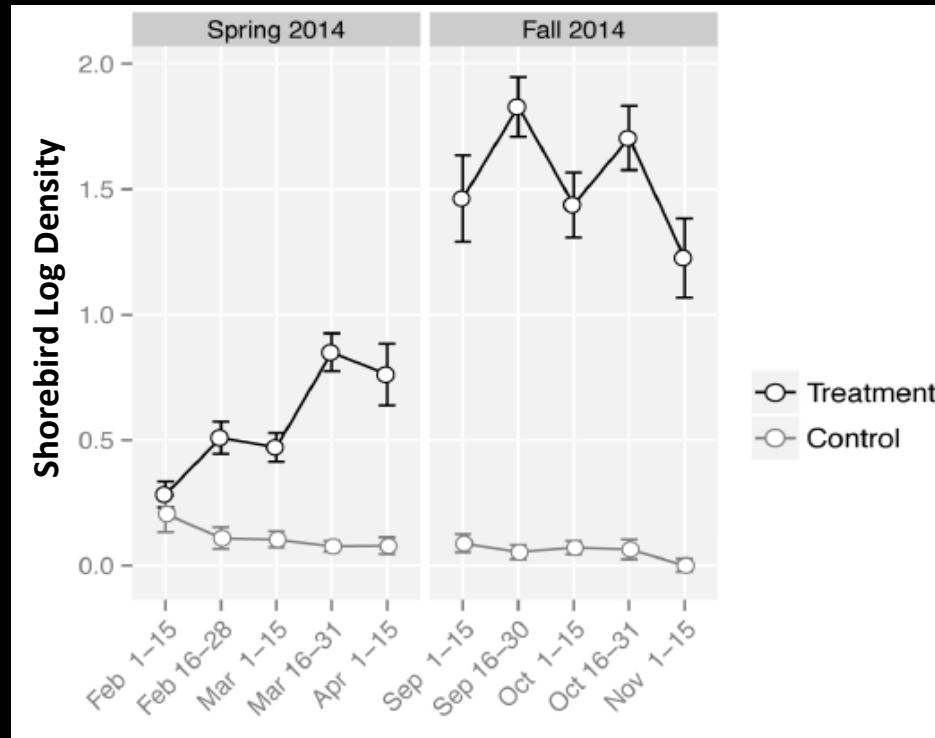


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Bird Returns Impact

Season	Acres
Spring 2014	11,000
Fall 2014	6,100
Winter 2014-2015	5,000
Spring 2015	6,000
Fall 2015	7,200
Spring 2016	6,300
Fall 2016	5,765
Spring 2017	3,900



- > 46K Acres habitat created
- > 175 Farmers
- Drought - Flood
- 6K point counts
- > 50 species of waterbirds
- > 250K shorebirds



Abundance

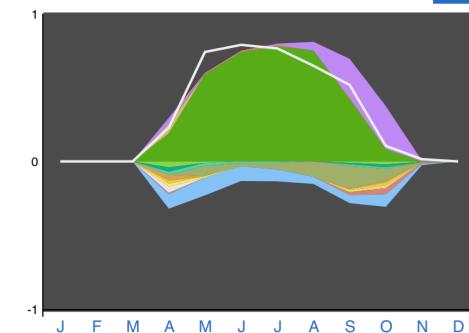
Habitat

Habitat Legend

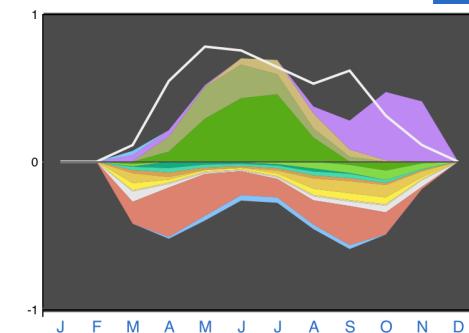
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Water	Yellow
Urban Built	Purple
Cropland	Red
Bare	Light Gray
Open Shrubland	Light Yellow
Evergreen Needleleaf	Cyan
Closed Shrubland	Light Green
Deciduous Needleleaf	Dark Green
Grassland	Yellow

Area 1



Area 2



<http://ebird.org/birdvis>

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